



*Utah residents' quality of life relies on the active management and protection of diverse natural resources. The **From the Field** newsletter by the Department of Natural Resources provides a snapshot of current department initiatives, developments and trends impacting Utah.*

## Helping prepare for unprecedented runoff



Following more than 20 years of drought, this year's unprecedented snowfall caught nearly everybody by surprise, giving municipalities and water managers little time to prepare for the high flows the runoff is bringing. The Dam Safety and Stream Alteration section of the Division of Water Rights has been working with those who oversee dams, reservoirs and waterways to make needed changes quickly.

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## Current landslide events in Utah



This year, record snowfall and a relatively fast-melting snowpack has increased the possibility of landslide occurrence throughout Utah in landslide-prone areas. Utah Geological Survey staff created a webpage dedicated to providing updated geologic

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## Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining hosts quarterly collaborative meeting



The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (OGM) has held the Uintah Basin Oil and Gas Collaborative meeting in Vernal and Duchesne since 1999. The goal of this meeting is to get the various local, state, tribal and federal agencies, to collaborate to increase the efficiency of the regulation of the petroleum industry, as well as to address the associated environmental concerns in the Basin.

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## \$3.9 million raised for habitat restoration, other wildlife projects through conservation permits



Dozens of large wildlife research, conservation and habitat restoration projects have been funded after \$3.9 million was committed to the projects by participating conservation groups during the annual conservation permit project funding meeting held on April 4.

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## Twin Peaks Handcrew honored for heroic actions on the 2022 Moose Fire

The Twin Peaks Handcrew was honored with the USDA Secretary's Act of Valor Award and the Intermountain Regional Foresters Award recently for their

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on the 2022 Moose Fire in Idaho.

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## Utah launches nation's first statewide waterwise landscaping incentive program



The Utah Division of Water Resources is happy to be part of the nation's first statewide waterwise landscaping incentive program! Last week, Gov. Spencer J. Cox joined us and our other partners with Utah Water Savers to announce the kickoff of Grass Doesn't Belong Everywhere, a campaign to inspire people to get available incentives to replace grass that's only walked on when it's mowed with waterwise plants, trees and shrubs.

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## UGS geologists host media event to demonstrate landslide surveillance and monitoring



Geologists from the Utah Geological Survey (UGS) hosted the media at the Springhill Geologic Park in North Salt Lake to demonstrate and discuss landslide surveillance and monitoring. UGS monitors approximately 100 landslide locations statewide.

Once the snow melts and landslides become accessible, geologists use various tools, including stakes and GPS instruments, to monitor movement and reference historical aerial photos showing what sites have looked like over time.

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## Three rangers recognized for their hard work

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who work here play a critical role in preserving these precious resources and keeping those who visit them safe. This year, the Utah Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #41 — comprised of law enforcement rangers from both the Utah Division of State Parks and the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation — recognized three rangers for their exceptional work and dedication. These three awards included the Ranger Of The Year Award, the Life-Saving Award and the Statistical Award.

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